



# **Alaska FASD Partnership 2010-2014**

Alaska Mental Health Board  
Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

# ALASKA FASD PARTNERSHIP



## ***Mission***

*The mission of the Alaska FASD Partnership is to promote prevention, awareness, and effective life-long interventions for individuals affected by prenatal exposure to alcohol, and their families.*

- *Over **110 members** since 2010, including individuals, family members, providers, organizations, and representatives from state agencies.*
- ***Eight workgroups:***
  - *Diagnosis and Parent Navigation*
  - *Family and Peer Support*
  - *Prevention & Treatment for Women*
  - *FASD and the Education System*
  - *FASD and the Legal System*
  - *Services for Adults with FASD*
  - *Professional Development*
  - *Youth and FASD*

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## Statewide Planning & Co-Sponsorships

- *FASD Awareness Day Statewide Restaurant Promotion (2010-present)*
- *FASD Family Voice Summit in Juneau (2011-present)*
- *FASD Presentations in the Capitol (2010-present)*
- *FASD Conference Planning Statewide (2010-2014)*
- *Presentation to State Board of Education on FASD (2013)*
- *Iditarod Mushers 'on the trail' FASD Awareness Campaign (2013)*
- *FASD Training for Anchorage Police Officers (2013)*
- *FASD Training for Anchorage Probation Officers (2013)*
- *FASD Training for Anchorage Office of Public Advocacy (2013)*
- *FASD educator John Hays' training for Juneau OCS foster parents (2013)*

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## *FASD Family Voice Legislative Summits*

Individuals with FASD, family members, and providers come to Juneau for advocacy training, a day at the Capitol educating legislators about FASD, and presenting before legislators on topics related to FASD (2010-2014).



## *Presentations Before Legislative Committees*

Partnership members have presented before legislative committees on the topic of family and peer support (2010), FASD and the education system (2011), and FASD as a mitigating factor, (2012).

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## ***FASD Awareness Day Restaurant Collaboration***

Since 2010, the Partnership has collaborated with Alaska CHARR (Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant & Retailers Association) and regional partners on September 9<sup>th</sup>, FASD Awareness Day, to promote FASD awareness via table tents in restaurants. Over 800 tables in 2013! (2010-present)

9/9

International FASD Awareness Day



**FASD is  
100%  
Preventable**

***Today we are serving a free non-alcoholic beverage to every pregnant woman!***

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## ***FASD Education Kits***

Established two loaner FASD education kits that offer display dolls (one affected, one normal), educational pamphlets and flyers, posters, and other materials for set up at conference exhibit tables and other public events (statewide , 2011-2014);

## ***Planning for Statewide FASD Conferences***

Participate in conference planning: Southeast Alaska Regional FASD conferences (Juneau-2010, 2015); Arctic FASD Regional Training Center (Anchorage-2013); FASD & Legal Issues (Anchorage-2013); Serving Offenders with Cognitive Impairments (Anchorage, 2012-2014);





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## *Training for Anchorage Police Officers*

The Partnership coordinated Canadian attorney David Boulding's nine trainings in two days to officers at the Anchorage Police Department on the topic of FASD. (Jan. 2013).

## *Training for Anchorage Probation Officers*

The Partnership coordinated Canadian attorney David Boulding to present an FASD training to Anchorage Probation and Office of Public Advocacy (Jan. 2013).



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## *Iditarod Mushers Aaron Burmeister and Zoya Denure: No Alcohol During Pregnancy*

The Partnership collaborated with the Nome Youth Facility (DJJ) and two Iditarod mushers to promote FASD awareness on the Iditarod trail, through posters, patches, bracelets, and flyers distributed along the way. Mushers also offered school presentations.



## MUSHING FOR HEALTHY BABIES



**Alcohol and Families  
Do Not Mix  
No Alcohol Please**

Thanks  
Aaron, Mandy,  
Hunter, & Kiana Rose





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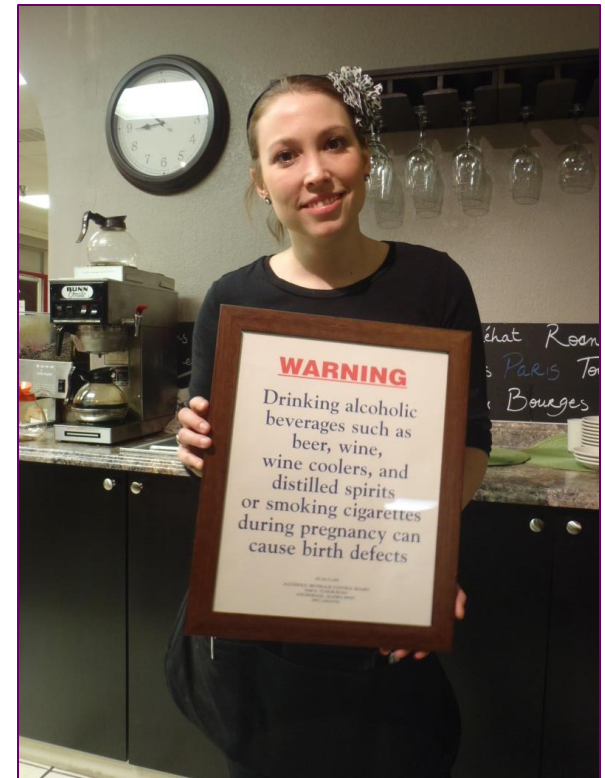


## *Youth and FASD*

This workgroup of the Partnership has worked on identifying and promoting practices that best reach young people about not drinking during pregnancy.

## *Prevention and Treatment for Pregnant Women*

This workgroup of the Partnership focuses on preventing alcohol-exposed pregnancies among women of childbearing age.



# ***2014 LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS***

## ***In 2014, Alaska State Legislature passed the following:***

- Added \$500,000 for a statewide FASD public relations/awareness campaign;
- Added language in SB 64 requiring the Dept. of Corrections (DOC) to screen and serve people with FASD, and other brain-based disabilities;
- Added \$120,000 for a pilot project in DOC to screen and serve people with FASD in a culturally-appropriate manner;
- Added \$600,000 (ADTP) to First Alaskans Institute to develop Natural Helpers network;
- Added \$400,000 (ADTP) to UAA Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies for pilot project for testing and formative evaluation of methods to prevent FASD;

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# 2014 LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

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## ***And passed two Resolutions:***

- SCR 13 asking the governor to establish and support programs that address FASD, including rapid screening in DOC, expanding residential substance abuse treatment for pregnant women (a 2010 recommendation), and supporting a public relations campaign;
- SCR 14 encouraging the development of citizen networks to create positive community and social norms for prevention of FASD, and regional best practices models that address health and social service challenges. It also encourages the governor to support the use of regional best practices models to address health and social services challenges using more effective and cost-efficient methods.

# OTHER STATEWIDE EFFORTS

- **Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education** has formed an FASD committee that is addressing: 1) expanding DD eligibility for people with FASD (looking at functionality over IQ) (a 2010 recommendation) and providing birth-through-life supports, 2) Self-advocacy for people with FASD and substance abuse treatment for people with FASD, 3) prevention of secondary disabilities, including training, information and awareness (2013-present)
- The **Anchorage FASD Council** continues to serve as a networking and resource agency for individuals and families impacted by FASD. They also are very active in carrying out FASD Awareness Day events around Anchorage
- The **Juneau FASD Working Group** formed and is addressing many things, including planning an Alaska-Canada conference in Juneau, March 19-21; Juneau FASD Resource Center; FASD Curriculum for Special Education students at University of Alaska Southeast; Training for educators, social services workers, and corrections; monthly news articles; Whitecrow camp in Alaska

# OTHER STATEWIDE EFFORTS

- *Anchorage School District continues to expand and develop their teachers, staff, students, and families, showing great results (2010-present)*
- *Kenai School District has developed a comprehensive district-wide approach that serves students with FASD, teachers, staff, and parents, and is showing great results (2013-present)*
- *The state's legal system has increase interfacing with local justice systems, and are educating attorneys and judges to act knowledgably with defendants with FASD, and are showing positive results (2010-present)*
- *Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority acknowledges people with FASD are Trust beneficiaries (2013)*
- *Arctic FASD Regional Training Center holds statewide conference (2013), and Southeast Alaska stakeholders hold two international FASD Conferences in Juneau (2010, 2012)*



# OTHER STATEWIDE EFFORTS

- *Stone Soup Group (Anchorage) has broadened their trainings and expanded to rural areas, as well as increased their trainings in urban areas*
- *FASD Into Action training has more trainers than in 2010 training statewide on a regular basis*
- *More state agencies are offering FASD training for providers in the fields of foster care, Office of Children's Services, Office of Public Advocacy, Juvenile Justice, Courts, Public Defenders, Prosecutors, Public Safety Officers, etc.*
- *UAA College of Arts and Sciences/Dept. of Psychology is implementing curriculum with the following titles: FASD: Biological Effects, Diagnosis & Assessment; FASD: Treatment Issues Across a Lifetime; FASD: Ethical, Legal and Policy Issues; FASD: Basic Foundations, Screening & Brief Interventions*
- *FASD case management was implemented in the Division of Behavioral Health to provide funds for case managers who serve people with FASD*

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*For more information about the AK FASD Partnership, how to become a member, to see past minutes for steering committee meetings and workgroups, please go to:*

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